

Counter-Counterspying Could Mean Jobs for All

Only one bit of business in the standard stage or screen spoof of espionage seems missing in the real-life news: The large badge lettered "Spy," in a manner legible from the farthest seat. Even that seems to have its equivalent in trench coats, attache cases and general knowledge in the trade of who's working whom and who's working for whom.

A Polish spy for the Russians was really working for us; he supposedly told our people that Moscow had active representatives in our CIA and State Department. This might be a way to discredit the best operators we have. Presumably some folks are drawing double pay by handing everyone the double cross. Life gets more like the movies every day.

And who could show more courage than Pierre Salinger, the White House press secretary? He said, for direct quotation, "The White House doesn't comment on intelligence matters." Anyone knowing, as he does, the facts of transmitting copy in this hasty and noisy age, must have sensed how that could become a proclamation that the White House never comments on "intelligent matters."

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